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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION OF 1113.

Thursday, 28th July 1938.
13th Karkadagam 1113.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the Deputy President (MR. T. P. POULOSE, B. A., B. L.) in the Chair.

Messrs. C. S. Sadasiva Ayyar, L. M. Pylee, T. K. Nayar, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, E. F. M. Norman and V. K. Aravindaksha Menon were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

CHALAKKUDI-MALA ROAD—METALLING OF.

165. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the metalling of the Chalakkudi-Mala road near the Chalakkudi Railway Station is expected to be done;

(*b*) is not this part of the road quite unfit for vehicular traffic in winter?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) In 1114.

(*b*) The road has been damaged.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): In view of the fact that this is the shortest available route from Chalakkudi to Koratti on the one side and to Mala on the other side will the Government be pleased to expedite the matter as early as possible?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Action is being taken. As a matter of fact a sum of Rs. 1,300 is set apart for 1114 and action is being taken. But the difficulty is the whole road is not under the Panchayats. The

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whole road length is 4½ miles. Out of this only a length of 2 miles and 3 furlongs is under this Department. The other portion will have to be attended to by the Public Works Department. As far as the Panchayat road is concerned, of course, this Rs. 1,300 will be spent and there will be some material improvement to this road.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): The worst part of the road is the Panchayat portion and if that is completed at once it will be alright.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: (*Minister for Rural Development*): That worst part is being immediately attended to. This Rs. 1,300 will be utilised.

PATTANCHERI VILLAGE—PUBLIC TANK.

155. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): With reference to yesterday's question No. 155, my question was whether there was any public tank for bathing purposes?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): There are two Public tanks for the purpose.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Are they specially set apart by Government for bathing purposes?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I suppose the hon'ble member means Government poramboke.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): My question is whether there are public tanks which can be used by the public and to which they will have access without any molestation whatsoever.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Even a private owned tank may be a public tank. The owner may be an individual but the public may be using it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): What is the difficulty for Government to allow taking water from a public tank?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Of course the tank is for bathing purposes. It may be a private owned one. Government cannot interfere.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): I want a Public tank for the people of Pattancheri, where Government can interfere.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): That is a request; not a question. A request cannot be a question.

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